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SUBJECT: TV & NEW NIGERIAN COVERAGE OF JANUARY 8 STUDENT
DEMONSTRATION

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1. RKTV 1930 NEWS PROGRAM JANUARY 8 RAN APPROXIMATELY
TWO MINUTES OF FILM CLIPS ON DEMONSTRATION. CLIPS SHOWED:
STUDENTS MARCHING TO CONSULATE, BURNING OF ONE SMALL US
FLAG, LEADERS PRESENTING LETTER TO PO AND MILITARY GOVERNOR
RECEIVING LEADERS AND LATER ADDRESSING WHOLE GROUP.

2. MILGOV JIBRIN TOLD STUDENTS HE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR
CONCERN ABOUT ANGOLA AND THEIR SUPPORT OF FMG'S STAND,
WHICH VERY FIRM AND CLEARLY CONVEYED TO US AND HER ALLIES.
HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ANGOLA IS AFRICAN ISSUE TO BE SOLVED
BY AFRICANS --" SO ALL THE BIG POWERS SHOULD GET OUT OF
ANGOLA NOW (FEW WORDS INDISTINCT)". (FOREGOING
QUOTE TAKEN FROM FBIS RECORDING OF AFTERNOON RADIO NEWS
BROADCAST.) JIBRIN CONCLUDED BY PRAISING STUDENTS FOR
THEIR MATURITY IN EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION IN PEACEFUL
MANNER.

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3. NEW NIGERIAN JANUARY 9 COVERAGE OF DEMONSTRATION, WHILE FRONT-PAGED, IS OVERSHADOWED BY BANNER HEADLINED STORY REPORTING MILITARY PROMOTIONS OF CHIEF OF STATE AND OTHERS. ARTICLE CURIOUSLY IGNORES FACT THAT STUDENTS PRESENTED LETTER FOR PRESIDENT FORD OR EVEN CAME TO CONSULATE. ONLY INDICATIONS THAT DEMONSTRATION WAS ESSENTIALLY ANTI-US POLICY CAME IN SUMMARY OF LETTER AND, INDIRECTLY, IN CAPTIONS FOR TWO PHOTOS OF DEMONSTRATORS.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT JIBRIN'S CALL FOR DEPARTURE OF ALL BIG POWERS FROM ANGOLA SCENE WAS UNINTENTIONAL DEPARTURE FROM FMG LINE WHICH WILL GO UNNOTICED.

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